



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NEWS RELEASE

Department of Toxic Substances Control

T - 25 - 05

For Immediate Release
April 28, 2005

Contact: Lisa Gray
916.324.0936
Ron Baker
916.324.3142

\$127,000 Settlement Reached with HMR (USA) Incorporated

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a settlement with HMR (USA) Incorporated (HMR) for hazardous waste code violations at its facility located at 8301 Belvedere Avenue in Sacramento, Sacramento County. HMR receives, handles, treats, stores, and/or disposes of cathode ray tubes (CRT).

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on April 12, 2005, HMR will pay a total of \$127,000 to DTSC, of which \$61,000 is administrative penalties, \$15,000 is for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC, and \$51,000 is for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/HMR_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations noted during inspections at the facility on June 10, 2003 and December 15, 2004. The violations noted were:

- Facility began treating CRT material without preparing and maintaining records of cost estimates for closure of the facility
- Facility began treating CRT material without submitting to DTSC documentation demonstrating financial assurance for closure of the facility
- Facility began treating CRT material without submitting to DTSC documentation demonstrating financial liability
- Facility stored crushed CRT glass for more than one year

The \$51,000 in SEP funds will be used to host and or facilitate up to 12 E-Waste collection events in the service area of two HMR branches, which are located in Sacramento and San Francisco. All events will be offered free of charge by waiving the normal fees and recycling charges.

#

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.